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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS

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1. MR. CARLYLE WILLIAMS, COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH MESSRS. KRAYTON, LOVE AND BARBAGELATA AT 10:00 A.M. 1 AUGUST.

2. WILLIAMS, HOWEVER, UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS WOULD BE VISITING TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO DISCUSS A BROAD TRAINING PROGRAM AND NOT JUST ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAINING. THEREFORE IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MORE THAN NARCOTICS.

3. ACCORDING TO A LETTER RECEIVED BY MR. WILLIAMS FROM JESUS M. MARTINEZ, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICE IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, MARTINEZ OR
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MR. CALDERON WOULD SOON BE TRAVELING TO TRINIDAD AND

TOBAGO AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CUSTOMS CONFERENCE HELD
IN MIAMI MAY 7-9. IS IT STILL ANTICIPATED THAT MR.
MARTINEZ OR CALDERON WILL BE TRAVELLING TO TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO AT A LATER DATE?

4. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WHEN U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
SUGGESTED PROVIDING TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
WITH ANTI-SMUGGLING, NARCOTIC INTERDICTION TECHNIQUES IN
JUNE 1974, YOU WERE INFORMED THAT THE DEA NATIONAL TRAINING
INSTITUTE WAS GIVING A TWO-WEEK NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSE
IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FROM JULY 22 TO AUGUST 2, 1974.
MEMBERS OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CUSTOMS ATTENDED THAT
COURSE. DEA REPRESENTATIVES FROM CARACAS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY
DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, INCLUDING
CUSTOMS, THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING A TWO OR THREE DAY
REFRESHER AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE ORIGINAL COURSE. HOWEVER,
NO FIRM PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DEA.

5.. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT CUSTOMS BUREAU
ANTI-NARCOTICS CONTACTS WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OFFICIALS
COORDINATED WITH DEA, SINCE FRAGMENTED OR COMPETITIVE USG
LIAISON WITH GOTT IS DEFINITELY NOT APPROPRIATE AND
CAN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR WIDER INTERESTS.

6. RESERVATIONS BEING MADE HOLIDAY INN.

7. IT IS EMBASSY POLICY TO HAVE EMBASSY OFFICER
ACCOMPANY VISITING U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THEIR
APPOINTMENTS WITH GOTT OFFICES. ASSUME YOU HAVE NO
OBJECTIONS.
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